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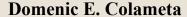
Sergeant United States Capitol Police

Bio: Sergeant Burton received the first HGY award in 1990 as an Officer with the United States Capitol Police. He worked within the Vehicle & Motorcycle Patrol Division until he was promoted and transferred to the Senate Division. He currently works as a Sergeant within the Training Division. Following his FLETC graduation, Sergeant Burton has received several awards for his performance including Sustained Superior Performance, Certificates of Commendation, and Letters of Appreciation. He has received advanced training in law enforcement instruction, legal, physical fitness, and ethics.

Favorite Memories at the FLETC: "I enjoyed the instructors. It was a morale boost every time I have come down to FLETC. The FLETC staff has very high morale and seems happy to be there. Their motivation is contagious. It's really positive mentally to be around the instructors and officers from other agencies. This is a great opportunity to mix and share common experiences."

Advice for Students: "Attitude is everything! Maintaining a positive mental attitude can help you get through just about anything. Keep positive and look at the bright side. Find something positive about each experience. No matter the situation, gain control of your own mental state for the ten weeks."





Supervisory Special Agent Assistant Federal Security Director for Law Enforcement U.S. Department of Homeland Security Transportation Security Administration -Aviation Operations



Bio: Agent Colameta received the 1991

HGY award as a Special Agent with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Office of the Inspector General (OIG). In 1999, he was promoted within HUD to Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) for operations/training in the New England District. In October 2002, Agent Colameta was hired by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Transportation

Security Administration (TSA) as an Assistant Federal Security Director for Law Enforcement. Following his FLETC graduation, he has received several awards during his career from the OIG, DEA, USMS, OCDETF, and FBI. He has added to his experience with advanced weapons and firearms instructor training at FLETC in Glynco, GA and Marana, AZ. Agent Colameta has been involved in several major investigations or events of interest including, from October 1993 to April 2001, HUD OIG'S "Operation Safe Home" targeting gangs, drugs, and guns in public and assisted housing. Agent Colameta graduated from Northeastern University's College of Criminal Justice in Boston, MA. From 1981 to 1984, he served with the US Army's 82nd Airborne Division located at Ft. Bragg, NC.

Favorite Memories at the FLETC: "Our surveillance practical exercise on St. Simons Island; good times with classmates, both on and off duty."

Advice for Students: "Cooperate and graduate"; "Train hard, focus, and don't forget to have some fun."

Jay D. Dickens

Pilot

U.S. Department of Homeland Security Immigrations and Customs Enforcement

Bio: Officer Dickens received the 1992 HGY award as a Pilot with the United States Customs Service. He currently works at the Air and Marine Branch in San Angelo, Texas. Since graduating from the FLETC, Officer Dickens has been awarded several ACE patches for his assistance in drug confiscations and has received advanced air, tactical team, and physical fitness training. Officer Dickens has also been involved in significant drug and aircraft seizures while performing drug interdiction operations as a pilot in Peru, Columbia, and Mexico. Officer Dickens has participated in raids on various targets as a member of the local Customs Warrant Entry Team.

Favorite Memories at the FLETC: "Hanging out with Steve Podaris, 'Spike' Causey and John Stanton"

Advice for Students:

- 1) Put your spiritual life in order and hang out with others willing to do the same. Read "The Purpose Driven Life" by Rick Warren and "Deadline" by Randy Alcorn.
- 2) Always give your spouse and kids the attention they need.
- 3) Be honest and respect the people you come in contact with.
- 4) The discipline to keep in good physical condition will serve you well now and years from now."

Robert G. MacQueen

U.S. Secret Service Asst. Attaché – U.S. Consulate - Hong Kong

Bio: Agent MacQueen received the 1993 HGY award, as an agent with the United States Secret Service. Since graduating from the FLETC, he has worked in the Tampa Field Office as a field agent, with the Bush Protective Division as a shift leader, and is currently working in the Hong Kong Resident Office. Agent MacQueen has received honors including 2002 Chairman of the Bush Protective Division Charity Fundraisers as well as achieving a personal best in the 2002 Houston marathon. Agent MacQueen was involved in the Supernote cases in China/Asia. In addition, he has received advanced training as a firearms instructor, EMT, rescue swimmer, and in the Mandarin Chinese language.

Favorite Memories at FLETC: "Mandatory (issued) Physical Training uniforms."

Advice for Students: "Due in part to growing agency taskings and an increasingly complex work environment, high quality training, of any significant time length, is becoming more and more rare. At FLETC, you have the time and the facilities to truly sharpen your mind and your body. Maximize that time."

John A. Carper

Special Agent Defense Criminal Investigative Service

Bio: Agent Carper received the 1994 HGY award as a Criminal Investigator with the Defense Criminal Investigative Service (DCIS). Since graduating from the FLETC, he has been involved in several investigations of interest including work with the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force. In addition, he recently completed a three month tour-of-duty in Iraq that included investigations into bribes, prostitution, weapons sales, and counterfeit activity. Agent Carper has received several honors during his career including membership in the "Million Dollar" club. He has added to his skills with advanced legal and officer survival training.

Favorite Memories at the FLETC: "When we took the last PST (final PT for the CITP course), I pretended to throw a cramp so that my classmates could throw ice water on the Instructor's head."

Advice for Students: "Take the school seriously. Never stop learning. Take all the information you can get, it's never a waste. Don't turn down training."

Dean P. Eisberg

Senior Inspector Customs and Border Protection

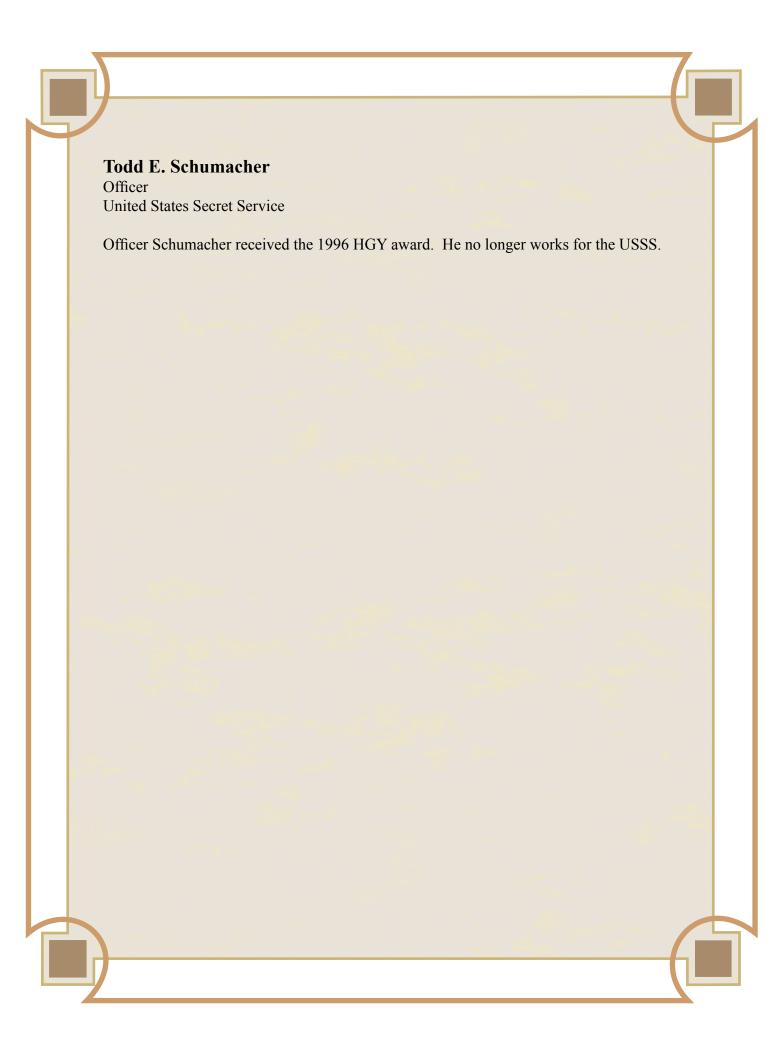
Bio: Officer Eisberg received the 1995 HGY award as an Inspector with the United States Customs Service. He worked at the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport for two years. He was promoted within CBP to Senior Inspector and currently works at the Federal Express Hub in Anchorage, Alaska. Since his FLETC graduation, Officer Eisberg has received several honors for his involvement in seizures and writing computer scripts. He was involved in an altercation while arresting a steroid smuggler. His inspectional work throughout Alaska includes: cargo ships in the Dutch Harbor (fishing capital of the world), cruise ships in Attu



(the western most point in the CONUS), vehicles at Poker Creek (the northern most land border in the U.S.), Yukon River canoeists in Eagle, Chinese Giant Pandas enroute to the National Zoo, oil field supplies in Prudhoe Bay (next to ANWR), and LNG tankers Docking at offshore oil rigs in Cook Inlet. Officer Eisberg has advanced Itemizer and x-ray training.

Favorite memories at the FLETC: "One: southern cooking and unlimited ice cream. Two: physical training. Three: great firearms training. (FLETC trains you how to use a gun for more than just putting holes in the paper). Four: a traditional Thanksgiving "caning" in Nanhunta, Georgia. They cut the sugar cane and pressed it between metal rollers, catching the liquid sugar cane extract in buckets. Then great grandpa boiled it in a huge cauldron out back in his shed using specially cured hickory wood. The grandkids dipped raw sugar cane in the foaming concoction then ate the green plant stalks like candy. After hours of boiling at the right temperature, they put the cane syrup in jars and let it cool until the next pancake breakfast. There was plenty of cane syrup to share with all the neighbors."

Advice for Students: "Study Monday through Friday and then go to Disney World, Kennedy Space Station, or a football game on the weekends. Make flashcards and study while standing in line or waiting for the bus. Sleep at night, not in class. Get off the base and meet the neat people in the local area."



Demetrius A. Metz

Inspector Customs and Border Protection

Bio: Officer Metz received the 1997 HGY award as an Inspector with the United States Customs Service. After his FLETC graduation, he worked the border in San Ysidro, California. Officer Metz has received several honors and cash awards for significant drug seizures. He has also participated in extensive advanced training including customs



defensive tactics and firearms training, law enforcement instructor training, physical fitness coordinator training, practical exercise instructor training, and CPR/First-aid/Emergency response training. Officer Metz currently is detailed to the FLETC as a PTD Instructor.

Favorite Memories at the FLETC: "Graduation day."

Advice for Students: "Concentrate a little less on what you think will be on the test and a little more on what you'll use in the field. Understand the concepts of what you're being taught."



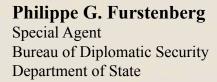
Bio: Agent Pfeifer received the 1998 HGY award as a Special Agent with the Office of Inspector General, General Services Administration. Since graduating from the FLETC, he has received recognition for his investigative efforts that resulted in successful prosecutions for a variety of cases. Agent Pfeifer has graduated from the Inspector General Academy and has received advanced training in legal education, money laundering, and asset forfeiture. In addition,



he has worked on several investigations of interest, including major fraud cases resulting in multimillion-dollar recoveries of government property and funds.

Favorite Memories at the FLETC: "I met a lot of good people while at FLETC. I still keep in touch with some of them, even though we are spread out across the county. I was exposed to so many different federal agencies, and I took the time to learn about each agency's area of expertise. When I went out into the 'real world' and started working federal cases, I knew which agency to go to for an expert opinion. Also, I was very impressed by the legal instructors at FLETC."

Advice for Students: "Take advantage of the people at FLETC, whether they are instructors or fellow students, and learn from their experiences. Also, take the time to learn the missions of your fellow students' agencies."



Bio: Agent Furstenberg received the 1999 HGY award as a Special Agent with the Bureau of Diplomatic Security. Upon graduating from the FLETC, he returned to the Boston field office for 18 months. At this time, he entered Regional Security Officer training. Following this, Agent



Furstenberg worked for two years at the U.S. Embassy in Sri Lanka. He currently works in Virginia in the Criminal Investigations Unit for VISA fraud. Agent Furstenberg has received both Meritorious Step Increases and Honor Awards for his work. He has participated in advanced training to work as a Consular General and Regional Security Officer. In addition, he has participated in several investigations of interest including a VISA fraud investigation in Sri Lanka in which two high-ranking State Department officials (husbandwife team) were arrested. Also, Agent Furstenberg assisted in coordinating anti-terrorism assistance training in the Maltese Islands.

Favorite Memories at the FLETC: "Getting to know my 40 classmates and the friendships we formed. I am still able to bounce ideas off of them."

Advice for Students: "During the slowest time of the slowest class, dig deep and pay specific attention. There is very little that they teach that won't come in handy. You'll wish you remembered everything you learned there. The reality is a lot of it comes in handy. Keep your handouts. Also, don't forget how hard you worked to get there and how useful it will be down the road."



Bio: Agent Concannon received the 2000 HGY award as a Special Agent with the United States Secret Service. Since graduating from the FLETC, he has been involved in several protection assignments of interest including assignment to presidential candidate George W. Bush's campaign detail in 2000, as well as temporary assignments to the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City in 2002,



and trips to several middle-eastern countries and Africa with the vice-president and president in 2002 and 2003. In addition, Agent Concannon has worked several financial crimes investigations in both San Diego and Washington DC. He has worked organized Nigerian credit card fraud cases, and has worked undercover making buys on counterfeit currency cases. Agent Concannon was also involved in the Washington DC area sniper task force in October, 2002. Agent Concannon has received advanced training relating to protective detail operations, as well as in the investigation of computer-related and internet-related crimes.

Favorite Memories at the FLETC: "Chicken sandwiches and strawberry shortcake ice cream bars from the cafeteria."

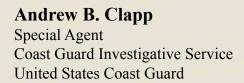
Derek J. Velasco

Officer Central Intelligence Agency

Bio: Officer Velasco received the 2001 HGY as a Security Protective Officer with the Central Intelligence Agency. Within the CIA, he has worked as both a Line Officer and in the Patrol Operations Branch. Officer Velasco has received advanced training in weapons, medical, legal, defensive tactics, and hazardous materials.

Favorite Memories at the FLETC: "Combining the use of role playing scenarios from the classroom lessons to the field work. I also liked the way FLETC had people taking care of the small stuff, like cleaning the rooms; it allowed you to concentrate on stuff that really mattered."

Advice for Students: "There are a lot of good things to get out of FLETC. There are some things you have to do, but it all has a lot of value. Open up your ears and absorb it. Sometimes I'm in a situation and I think back and try to remember the info. You're not going to get that experience again."



Bio: Special Agent Clapp received the 2002 HGY award as a Special Agent with the Coast Guard Investigative Service. Since graduating from the FLETC, he has received advanced training in homicide investigations, crime scene investigations, protective service operations,



and advanced interviewing techniques. Special Agent Clapp has been involved in cases and events of interest including the misconduct of a ship officer resulting in loss of life, merchant mariner license fraud, illegal drug use, and ship absconders and stowaways.

Favorite Memories at the FLETC: "Working with my classmates. I met some really good people. The students and instructors I crossed paths with created the whole environment."

Advice for Students: "Don't get behind on studying. Try to do a little bit everyday. Also, pick a goal for PT...it's reachable. It may take some extra willpower, but you can get there."